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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 16, 2025

WELCOME

Please pray with us, celebrate with us, and walk together with us in faith. We hope that you will share your special gifts within the community, your prayers, your presence, welcome to all! May God bless us all!

CLERGY

Rev. George Villamthanam, Administrator
Rev. Bijoy Joseph, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Frank Hann

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass: Monday through Friday 8:00 AM
Rosary - Monday through Friday 7:30 AM
First Friday Mass - 12:00 PM
Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM Winter
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM Spring, Summer, Fall
Sunday Masses: 7:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 6:00 PM
Holy Day Masses: 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 4:15 - 4:45

SECRETARY - Karen Luciano

Office Hours - M-T-TH 9-1

FAITH FORMATION

Kim Bocchino, Catechetical Leader
Phone: 860-875-4951
Email: stlukere@gmail.com

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Deacon Frank Hann
Phone: 860-462-8032

NEW PARISHIONERS

Call the Parish Office, pick up a yellow registration form located at both entrances to the Church or register on our website.



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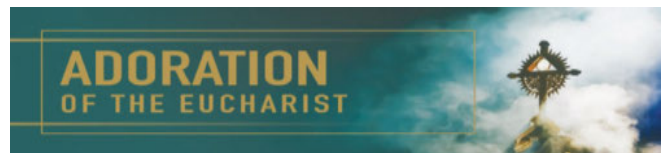
Please contact Deacon Hann @ 860-462-8032 to register. Parents and Godparents should be practicing Catholics.

MARRIAGES

Couples are encouraged to make arrangements by registering their marriage intentions at the Rectory Office 6 months in advance.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK OR HOMEBOUND

Please contact the Rectory Office if you or someone you know is ill or homebound and would like to receive Reconciliation, Eucharist, and/or Anointing of the Sick.



Join us every Tuesday at 8:30 am to 9:30 am and the first Thursday of every month at 7 pm with the Holy Hour and Divine Mercy Prayer for the sick and dying

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Lord, Hear our Prayer



Mass Intentions for the Week



IN LOVING MEMORY

Susan Roberts, Alan Pienkowski, Patricia Mahon

SATURDAY, MAR 15

5:00 PM +ANN MARIE DESJARDNIS
R/B SISTER JEANNINE BRICKEY

SUNDAY, MAR 16

7:30AM +ALAN PIENKOWSKI
R/B JUDITH POGLITSCH
10:30AM +DAVID CONNELL
R/B THE CONNELL & POIRIER FAMILIES
6:00PM +THEODORE STAWICKI, JR & SR.
R/B TERESA SELOCHAN

MONDAY, MAR 17, 8:00AM
FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

TUESDAY, MAR 18, 8:00 AM
FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

WEDNESDAY, MAR 19, 8:00AM
FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

THURSDAY, MAR 20, 8:00AM
FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

FRIDAY, MAR 21, 8:00 AM
+LYDIA PEREZ
ANNIVERSARY
R/B MILLIE BLOVISH

SATURDAY, MAR 22
5:00 PM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

SUNDAY, MAR 23
7:30AM +ALAN PIENKOWSKI
R/B BARBARA GENOVESE AND
LEOGRANDE FAMILIES
10:30AM +WENDY CIPARELLI
8TH ANNIVERSARY
R/B THE FAMILY
6:00PM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Lord, Our God, you sent your Son into the world to bear our infirmities and to endure our sufferings. For your servants who are sick, especially from our Parish Family, we ask that your blessing will give them strength to overcome their weakness through the power of patience and the comfort of hope and that with your aid they will soon be restored to health. We ask this through Our Lord. Amen

Charlie Allen, Wanda Allen, Tonianne Anderson, Calista Bailey, Louise Barbero, Jody & Laura Behrendt, Emma Benavivich, Tina Chamberlin, Virginia Connell, William Coyne, Bob Cresenzi, Carol DiCioccio, Richard Dubay, Jeanne Ferruolo, Carol & Bob Gay, Marge Griffin, Sister Guytina, Penny Harrington, Tracy Kearcher, Bob & Laraine Kennedy, Joseph King, Kathy Larew, Roberto Llamido, Virginia Llamido, Ellen Lohnes, Richard Marcinek, Meg Morneau, Jeanne Parker, Beth Ann Phillips, Laura Pienkowski, Stanley Pienkowski, John Rice, Fran Rutkus, Troy Russell, Brian Scavone, Joan Smith, Melanie Smith, Cooper Somberg, Jane Thomas, Judy Veillette, Bill Vieweg, Sheila Waterhouse, Morris Webber, Edward Wysocki



SANCTUARY CANDLE - March 16, 2025

In Loving Memory of Joseph Saternis
Requested by The Family

Mission Declaration

In order to witness as a better Christian Community in this third millennium, we, the members of Saint Luke Parish solemnly resolve to provide a worship and prayerful environment that stimulates the spiritual growth to every individual, to sacrifice time, talent and treasure in gratitude for God's generous blessings to His greater glory and for the people in need.

-To promote Christian formation through religious instruction that foster/nurture the spiritual development of our children, our young people and adults.

-To encourage tolerance, openness, honesty and forgiveness to one another.

-To promote the virtues of Justice, Peace, and Human dignity that:

- address injustice experienced by all peoples, especially women and minorities;

- take action to counteract violence in our society and to foster the sacredness of human life from conception to the grave.

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Faith Formation News

“Dear Jesus, help our family to never lose sight that living with you in Heaven is the real goal. Amen.”

Congratulations and God Bless our 2025 Confirmation Class

CONGRATULATIONS to those Confirmed this weekend. May you always love Jesus as He loves you; trust in Him, pray to Him, make time for just the two of you; listen to Him, ask Him, and invite Him along on your life journey. God Bless each of you!

Allyson **Angela** Autieri
Grant **Francis** Domaingue
Sara **Cecilia** Gilbert
Thomas **Yves** Lomot
Julian **Carlos** Prytko

Leah **Dymphna** Brown
Hank **Peter** Ellis
Mitchell **Amelia** Ladin
Christopher **Sebastian** Parlante
Grace **Elizabeth** Schmidt

Addison **Anthony** DiFilippo
Ethan **Patrick** Fiasconaro
Alexia **Anne** Laffin
Nicholas **Alexander** Varga

Faith Formation 2024-2025

Let us all come together as we ***Grow Together in Faith and Love of Jesus!*** Parents, students and catechists will spend time nurturing and growing our prayer lives and faith throughout the year. Our Faith Formation program runs through Confirmation in grade 10. Anyone who has not yet registered for classes contact the Faith Formation office. **For more information contact Kim in the Faith Formation office at 860-875-4951**

Service to Others & Youth Group – Grades 8 & 9

All 8th and 9th grade students are to complete 10 hours of community service, answer reflection questions and turn in their completed Service to Other Logs **no later than April 30th, 2025**. We encourage all 8th, 9th and 10th grade students to make Youth Group part of their life by attending the monthly meetings. *We do require them to attend at least 3 Youth Group meetings each year between September and May.*

Faith Formation Classes and Events:

Sunday March 16th, 23rd and 30th – class from 9-10:15am – Grades 1-6
Tuesday March 18th, 25th – class from 6:45-8 pm Grades 5-10
Wednesday March 19th, 26th – class from 6:45-8 pm Grades 7-9
Saturday March 15th – Confirmation Mass at 10:30 am
Sunday April 6th and 27th – class from 9-10:15am Grades 1-6
Tuesday April 1st, 8th, 22nd, 29th – class from 6:45-8 pm Grades 5-10
Wednesday April 2nd, 9th, 23rd, 30th – class from 6:45-8 pm – Grades 7-9
April 5th – First Reconciliation in the Church
April 6th – Grade 1 Parent class and Family Mass

Children’s Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) during the 10:30 am Mass

Please join us for Children’s Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) during the 10:30 Mass. CLOW will be held in the Parish Center on March 16th, 23rd and 30th and April 6th, and April 27th. All children ages 4 years old through the 5th grade are welcome!

Grade 2 and 3 Important Dates

Grade 2 First Reconciliation - Saturday April 5th at 9:30 am
Sunday April 27th – Grade 3 First Eucharist Rehearsal
Thursday May 1st at 5:30pm – First Eucharist Rehearsal
Sunday May 4th - Grade 3 Crowning of Mary and First Eucharist Mass

Vacation Bible School 2025

SAVE the date – True North VBS will be held this summer for ages 4 through the 6th grade the week of July 28-August 1st. Join us for faith, friends and fun as we Trust Jesus in a Wild World! Registration begins in April.

2025 ACA

Thank you for your past support of the Annual Catholic Appeal which provides funds for many of the pastoral, educational, and charitable ministries within the Diocese of Norwich. As we embark on our 2025 ACA, *One Faith, One Family*, we thank God for the strength and love we have received from him during this past year, when we, relying on our ONE FAITH, have uplifted our brothers and sisters in our ONE FAMILY. The ACA in-pew collection will take place in our parish on March 29/30, 2025. Please give prayerful consideration when contemplating your sacrificial gift to the appeal. The future of our ministries depends on it.

Church of Saint Luke Community News



MARCH 9, 2025
REGULAR COLLECTION - \$4,686
ASH WEDNESDAY - \$2,027
Thank you for your generosity

St. Luke's Church Presents: Dinner with Pat! Irish Night 2025



March 22, 2025
Doors Open at 5:30 p.m.

Live Music by Irish to the Last Drop
 Traditional Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner and Dessert!

Donation: \$25.00 per person
Tickets available at ALL Masses!
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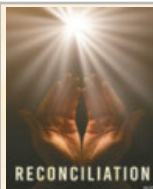
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The Way of the Cross

The Office of Faith Events invites you to join us virtually Friday nights in Lent as we pray together the Stations of the Cross through a different focus each week.

- March 7: Through the eyes of social justice
- March 14: Through the eyes of the suffering, ill and disabled
- March 21: Through the eyes of immigrants and refugees
- March 28: Through the eyes of seniors
- April 4: Through the eyes of the bereaved
- April 11: Through the eyes of Mary
- April 18: Through the eyes of Jesus

The stations will begin at 7 P.M. The stations take place online and require participants to have an internet connection. Registration is required. You can register for just one evening or all seven. To register, call Mary-Jo McLaughlin, at 860-848-2237, Ext 312 or email her at mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net.



CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

A DAY OF RECONCILIATION
FRIDAY, MARCH 28TH FROM 7AM-7PM
ST. BERNARD CHURCH-ROCKVILLE

You are invited to come celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation on this special day. Priests from the Vernon Deanery will be available from 7am through 7pm to hear confessions (see schedule below). We hope you will be able to take advantage of this opportunity to encounter God and His mercy through reconciliation. This is a time of seeking God's forgiveness and a change of heart.

<u>Time</u>	<u>Priest</u>
7:00 AM	Fr. Rick Ricard
8:00 AM	Fr. Alex Pandolfe
9:00 AM	Fr. George Villamthanam
10:00 AM	Fr. Bill Olesik
11:00 AM	Fr. Michael Giannitelli
Noon	Fr. Tadeusz Zadorozny
1:00 PM	Fr. Gerry Kirby Fr. Richard Breton
2:00 PM	Fr. Richard Breton
3:00 PM	Fr. Alex Pandolfe
4:00 PM	Fr. Bijoy Joseph
5:00 PM	Fr. Steve Gulino
6:00 PM	Fr. Larry Barile Fr. Steve Gulino

St. Joseph Men's Study Group

Join us for a monthly gathering of faith and fellowship! The St. Joseph Men's Study Group meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month in the Parish Center. Men of the parish are invited to stop by for pizza and refreshments on March 18th at 6:30PM in the Parish Hall to meet the members and learn more about the group. In April we will begin exploring the life of St. Joseph, drawing insights from the book: *The Life of St. Joseph as Seen by Mystics*. This is a great opportunity to deepen your understanding of St. Joseph's role in church tradition and grow in your spiritual journey. All men are welcome!

For more information, please text or call Jack Schirra at (860) 830-7853. We look forward to seeing you!!

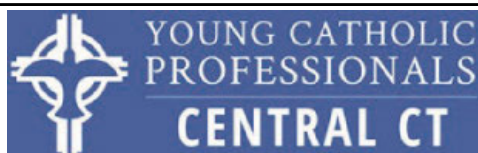
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STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

2nd Sunday of Lent

"I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession." - GENESIS 15:7

Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses, and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether your home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do you show your gratitude to God for the home He has given you? Do you make a sacrifice of any kind? Do you return any of your finances to God, investing in your eternal home just as you invest in your earthly home?



Young Catholic Professionals Executive Speaker Event in Manchester

Come join Young Catholic Professionals Central CT for our next Executive Speaker Series Event! Come enjoy light refreshments and networking along with a talk by Jack Schirra, former Program and People leader at Pratt & Whitney. Let's be inspired by Jack's journey and how he has worked in witness for Christ and continues to do so even in retirement through various means of outreach in the community and Church. We look forward to meeting you there!

Where: 45 Ludlow Rd, Manchester, CT

When: Thurs, March 20th from 7 - 9 PM

Who: All professionals from 18-39.

RSVP via QR code or <https://ycp.glueup.com/event/executive-speaker-series-jack-schirra-135051/>

E-mail info@ycpcentralconnecticut.org to learn more.

Executive Speaker Series
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MARCH 20 | 7-9 PM

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar 18 - St. Anne Grandmothers Guild - 10:30 am
Mar 18 - St. Luke Crafters - 6 to 8 pm
Mar 19 - Confraternity of St. Joseph meeting - 6:30 pm
Mar 21 - Women's Guild - 10:30 am
Mar 24 - Cenacle Group - 6:30 pm
Mar 22 - Irish Night
Mar 25 - The Annunciation of the Lord
Apr 1 - St. Luke Crafters - 6 to 8 pm
Apr 3 - Holy Hour - 7 pm
Apr 4 - Women's Guild - 10:30 am
Apr 4 - First Friday Mass - 12 noon
Apr 6 - Coffee and Donuts - after 10:30 am Mass
Apr 13 - Easter Egg Hunt - Coffee and donuts hour
Apr 13 - Palm Sunday - Passion of the Lord
Apr 14 - Cenacle
Apr 15 - St. Anne Grandmothers Guild - 10:30 am
Apr 15 - St. Luke Crafters - 6 to 8 pm
Apr 16 - Chrism Mass - St.
Apr 16 - Confraternity of St. Joseph meeting - 6:30 pm
Apr 17 - Holy Thursday - Mass 7 pm
Apr 18 - Good Friday - Mass at 3 pm
Apr 19 - Easter Vigil - Mass at 8 pm
Apr 20 - Easter Sunday - Mass at 7:30 am and 10:30 am
No 6 pm Mass
Apr 25 - Women's Guild - 10:30 am
Apr 28 - Cenacle Group - 6:30 pm



This Week on Formed

Week of March 16, 2025



Joseph of Nazareth

Celebrate the feast of Christ's foster father with even more joy and respect this year by watching a movie about him! Enter into the life of this great saint through the movie Joseph of Nazareth!



The Trials of Saint Patrick

The Trials of Saint Patrick, a powerful journey through hardship, loss, mercy, and forgiveness. With skilled actors and cinematic elements, this captivating story comes to life, stirring the imagination and sparking inspiration.



St. Joseph: Our Spiritual Father

While the Gospel has not preserved any of his words, his actions have resounded through the ages. St. Joseph stands out as the model par excellence of Christian virtue. Encounter St. Joseph in a new way with St. Joseph: Our Spiritual Father.

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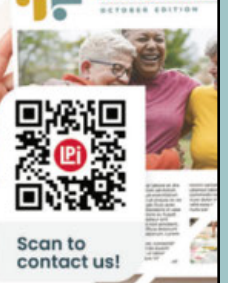
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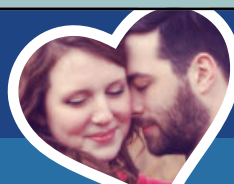
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